

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2008. Claims 2, 5-10, 12, 15-20, 30 and 32 have been amended. Claims 5 and 15 have been amended to address the section 101 rejection. The remainder of the amended claims have been amended to be consistent with them or to address minor antecedent issues.

Regarding the examiner's statement in section 3 of the Official Action stating computer programs are not disclosed, we point out that explicit support for software, and a computer readable storage medium within a switching controller of a network entity can be found in paragraphs 26 and 28 of the application. Accordingly we submit that all of the claims are ready for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is hereby requested.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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